(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to construct a Railway Overbridge at National Highway 46 Madras in Bangalore Road Vaniyambadi Pudur and Ambur Pachakuppam in North Arcot District;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to put up a level crossing at Chitheri Village near Arconam, Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Construction of overbridge to replace level crossing No. 77 at Km. 175/16-176/1 on National Highway No. 46 between Ambur-Pachakuppam is a sanctioned work in Railways Works Programme of 1990-91 at a cost of Rs. 4.45 cr. (Railway's share Rs. 2.04 cr. and State Govt.'s share Rs. 2.41 cr.). Approval of General Arrangement drawing for this work is awaited from Ministry of Surface Transport.

Acquisition of Forest land in Sikkim

2274. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Forest Land at Munisthing in North Sikkim had been acquired by the Army and in lieu thereof lands had to be acquired under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in Sikkim;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Regional Conservator of Forests had investigated and confirmed these illegal transfers;

(c) what was the status of these Reserve Forest and Khas lands as mentioned in the site inspection report of the Regional C.C.F. as per 1952 and 1978-80 Survey; and

(d) what action has been taken and what has obstructed the Government in giving consent of the CBI probe, as demanded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The matter was enquired into through the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneshwar, whose investigation report has been sent to the State Government for detailed comments.

No such proposal for diversion of forest land in question under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been received by this Ministry from the State Government so far.

Deportation of Convicted Pakistani Nationals

2275. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani nationals convicted for offences in the country cannot be deported after their Jail term is over since there are no arrangements between the two Governments; and

(b) what action Government propose to take in deporting such convicted Pak nationals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. India and Pakistan had concluded a "Protocol on Consular Access" in November, 1982 according to which consular access is provided to nationals of either country arrested, detained or imprisoned to facilitate their repatriation. Repatriation of such prisoners is made in accordance with this protocol.

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2276. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: